

**MINUTES  
CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
AIRPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Meeting of September 11, 2012  
Montgomery Field Terminal Building**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** J. H. Aldrich (Montgomery Field Aviation Lessee), Jackie Ander (Serra Mesa Community), Tom Dray (Montgomery Field Tower), Bob Hitchcock (Brown Field Aviation User Group), Chairman Buzz Fink (Special Expertise), Vice-Chair Chuck McGill (Montgomery Field Aviation User Group)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Buzz Gibbs (Kearny Mesa Community), Lisa Golden (Otay Mesa Community), Rich Martindell (Special Expertise)

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Nici Boon, Cale Cook, Bob Golo, Walter Harrison, Joel Pointon, Ray Richmond, Tom Ricotta, Larry Rothrock, David Ryan

**STAFF PRESENT:** Chris Cooper, Ernie Gesell, Brandi Mulvey, Roy Nail, Wayne Reiter, Mike Tussey

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – *Chairman Buzz Fink*

Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 3:10 P.M. A quorum was present.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 10 meeting were unanimously approved, as written.

**3. PUBLIC INPUT**

Larry Rothrock announced the EAA will be hosting the two mayoral candidates in their large hangar at Brown Field over the next two weekends, in order hear the candidate's position on general aviation at the two City of San Diego airports. Councilmember Carl DeMaio is scheduled for 9:00 A.M. this Saturday, September 15; and Congressman Bob Filner is scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 22. Maximum attendance is requested; food will be provided. Ms. Ander suggested posting a notice in the public library. Mr. Rothrock wanted to keep the meeting focused on aviation issues and aviation-minded individuals, rather than politic issues that might more interest the general public.

On another issue, Mr. Rothrock pointed out the lack of representation of Brown Field tenants on the Committee, and asked for an explanation. Mr. Tussey acknowledged the deficiency and requested a discussion after the meeting.

Clairemont resident Joel Pointon expressed concerns over the quiet hours between 11:30 P.M. and 6:30 A.M. at Montgomery Field. Mr. Pointon previously met with Airport Noise Abatement Officer Wayne Reiter to discuss the current noise program. One result of that meeting was the relocation of signs to the pedestrian gates leading to the transient ramp, informing transient pilots of the quiet hours. Future presentations from Mr. Pointon are anticipated to further discuss noise related issues, such as the location of the noise monitoring points and the airport's response to violations of the noise limits. Mr. Pointon, along with other Clairemont residents, intends to compose a list of recommendations and present it to the Committee at a later date.

#### **4. DISCUSSION** – *Chairman Buzz Fink*

##### **By-Laws**

Vice-Chair McGill made a motion to amend Section 204 of the AAC By-Laws to apply to candidacies for public office within the City of San Diego only. Mr. Aldrich seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1, with Chairman Fink, Vice-Chair McGill, Mr. Aldrich, and Mr. Hitchcock voting in favor; and Ms. Ander voting against.

##### **December Luncheon**

The Committee decided to have the 2012 AAC December Luncheon at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron. Mr. Reiter suggested the second Tuesday, December 11 from 11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M., which was accepted by the Committee.

#### **5. STAFF & DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – *Airports Deputy Director Mike Tussey*

Mr. Tussey, Ray Richmond, Mr. Dray and Mr. Aldrich expressed their regrets regarding the unfortunate demise of Reinaldo Beyer, a noted cardiologist and accomplished aerobatic pilot, during an aerobatics session, near Borrego Airport.

##### **MYF General Update** – *MYF Airport Manager Ernie Gesell*

- Cal Fire will be holding a press conference at the MYF transient ramp on Tuesday, September 18 from 10:00 – 11:00 A.M. with one of their OV-10 aircraft. County Supervisor Ron Roberts, possibly the Mayor and representatives from SDG&E are expected to attend.
- The recent gate code change appears to have been effective, as no V/PD's have been reported since the change.
- Someone with possible recall issues or ulterior motives wrote the 5-digit code with a sharpie on the keypad for Gate 8; the calligraphic work has since been removed.
- Fabrication of new signs for the gates and air operations area is complete. Installation will take place in the near future.

##### **MYF Tower Update** – *MYF Tower Manager Tom Dray*

- The closure of Runway 10L/28R will occur on October 1. Temporary, non-FAA approved solar-powered lights will be installed along Runway 10R/28L. Since the tower will not be permitted to clear aircraft for takeoff or landing, phraseology for using Rwy 10R/28L at night during the project will be: "Departure and arrival at the pilot's own risk." Such phraseology will constitute an approval from an aircraft separation standpoint. The tower is contemplating using the second tower frequency to address questions pilots may have about the project.

Mr. Tussey added that in addition to the solar-powered lights, FAA-approved reflectors will be utilized along Rwy 10R/28L. Mr. Dray indicated there will be no change to the phraseology, as a result of the reflectors.

Vice-Chair McGill asked what hours will the phraseology be used. Mr. Dray replied after dark. During daylight hours, standard phraseology will be used to clear aircraft for takeoff and landing. Mr. Aldrich asked if this information will be placed on the ATIS. Mr. Dray indicated it would. Mr. Dray added the ILS will be inoperative, but the RNAV approach should be available. Touch and goes will be available, traffic permitting. Dave

Ryan asked what the tower hours will be. Mr. Dray replied they will be the same (0600-2100).

- A large flock of black birds (starlings?) have been observed on the airport, causing a nuisance. So far, their presence has resulted in one rejected takeoff.
- The Miramar Air Show is scheduled to take place October 12 – 14, with a practice session on Thursday, October 11. As a result, MYF and the airspace will be closed Thursday from 12:30 – 5:00 P.M., and Friday – Sunday from 2:30 – 4:30 P.M., daily. In addition, the north pattern will be unavailable.

#### Noise/Special Projects – *Airport Noise Abatement Officer Wayne Reiter*

F/A-18 activity at Brown Field has occurred on a weekly basis, Friday – Sunday, with six to eight planes per weekend, for the past few months, resulting in calls from residents west of the airport. This frequency is expected to continue through the end of September, with a possible reduction in frequency starting next month. It is possible, however, the Marines will relocate F/A-18's to SDM during the week of the air show in order to continue training.

#### MYF/SDM Property – *Supervising Property Agent Brandi Mulvey*

- Tenant meetings in progress to assess work load and priorities.
- Brown Field clean-up of the north side tenants continues.
- Assessment of MYF issues and priorities in progress.

Vice-Chair McGill asked about the new Mexican food restaurant opening soon in the space formerly occupied by the B&B deli. Mr. Tussey and Ms. Mulvey replied that space is managed by a property management company, which has some discretion in the use of those spaces.

Bob Golo asked for verification that the airport property extends to Aero Drive, and that the non-aviation use is acceptable. Mr. Tussey and Ms. Mulvey replied yes, it does, and the use is acceptable, since it was done a long time ago and it is separated from the airside by a street.

#### SDM General Update – *SDM Airport Manager Chris Cooper*

- The tower frequency was changed from 126.5 to 128.25, due to radio interference. Flight publications were updated to reflect the change, but have errors. Requests to correct the errors have been submitted. VFR sectionals do not show the change yet, but will be reflected in the next release.
- Eviction of some north side tenants continues.
- Gate 1 on Sikorsky Street is not functioning; it is locked open until it can be repaired.
- Tumbleweed abatement in progress.

Mr. Hitchcock asked about the recent water shutoff event. Mr. Cooper replied it was the result of an off-airport contractor who mistakenly turned off the wrong valve.

#### SDM Development Update – *Project Manager Roy Nail*

- DPC is in the third screen check with Development Services.
- Channel 10 news conducted interviews of DPC President Richard Sax and Real Estate Assets Director Jim Barwick at Palomar Airport and Brown Field to get an overview of the project. The story will air tomorrow evening.

Mr. Hitchcock asked what happens after the screen check is complete. Mr. Nail replied the Site

Development Permit, Environmental Impact Report and Leasehold Development Agreement will go before City Council at a yet-to-be determined date.

On another issue, Mike Tussey commented on a recent news article in the Union-Tribune, regarding the vetting of foreign flight training students. County Supervisor Diane Jacob is asking the County Board of Supervisors to support House Resolution 6159, which requires foreign nationals seeking flight training in the United States to be first checked against the terrorist watch list.

Capital Improvement/Consultant Project Update – Airports Deputy Director Mike Tussey

- SDM Runway 8L/26R Design: \$731,500 FAA Grant received.
- MYF Access Control: \$475,000 FAA Grant received Sept. 2011.
- MYF Rwy 10L/28R Construction: \$3.8 million grant, Oct. 1 start, pre-construction meeting for airport users Sept. 24.
- MYF Rwy 5/23, Twy G Rehab Construction: \$2.36 million grant, remainder next FY.

Bob Golo asked about the expected completion date for the 10L/28R construction. Mr. Tussey replied October 31.

Vice-Chair McGill asked when the NOTAM will be posted for the 10L/28R closure. Mr. Tussey replied no earlier than 72 hours in advance, per FSS policy.

Self-Funded Projects: Estimated \$1.5 million (FY 12)

SDM

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| ➤ Continental, Fairchild, Sikorsky, Curran Streets | \$700,000 |
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MYF

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| ➤ John J. Montgomery Drive, East Gibbs Drive | \$374,000   |
| ➤ Glen Curtiss Road, West Gibbs Drive        | \$464,000   |
| ➤ Taxiways L, I, G, and Fuel Island Repair   | TBD-FY 2013 |

Tom Ricotta asked about the restrooms for Brown Field. Mr. Tussey replied the design is in progress, and construction will be included in next year's budget.

**6. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Tussey congratulated SDM Airport Manager Chris Cooper on his recent marriage.

Chairman Fink thanked the staff at Brown Field for accommodating a filming operation which involved two parachute jumps onto the airport. The film, Captain Phillips, stars Tom Hanks as Maersk Alabama Captain Richard Phillips, who was rescued from Somali pirates by Navy SEALs.

Mr. Hitchcock asked when the next meeting will take place at Brown Field. Chairman Fink replied in November.

The next meeting of the AAC will be October 9 at the Montgomery Field Terminal.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne J. Reiter